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Dr. Joe Gothard  
Superintendent of St. Paul Public Schools  
Saint Paul Public Schools, District 625  
360 Colborne Street  
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Dear Superintendent Gothard:

I am writing in support of the St. Paul Federation of Teachers (SPFT) and their negotiating team's efforts to bargain in good faith with the St. Paul Public School District. Teachers play a vital role in providing the educational opportunities and successes that every child deserves.

The SPFT has the unwavering support of the Minnesota Nurses Association and its 20,000+ members throughout the state. The SPFT supported MNA during our difficult negotiations in 2016, and MNA stands with the SPFT now.

Surely, it's in everyone's best interest to set aside adversarial tactics and negotiate a fair contract that shows the District proudly supports and values its Teachers. These are the moments when leaders need to step up and lead. And I am urging you to do just that.

In Solidarity,

Mary C. Turner, President

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cc: MNA Board of Directors

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